2. That the petitions of Mary Tinsley and Janet Pritchard for remission of taxes for 1883 be granted.

3. That the petition of W. J. Reid, claiming error in charging taxes against lot No. 33, southeast York Street, be granted, and that the amount charged be struck off.

4. Your committee beg to report progress on the petitions of Finlay McNeil and others; and of Jessie McEwen and Amos Weston.

5. Your committee have caused to be prepared, printed and circulated, a circular containing extracts and explanations relating to the Free Library Act, for the information of electors.

6. Your committee beg to recommend a grant of $25 to the reporters of each of the city papers for services rendered to the committees and Council meetings, the same to be charged to the incidental expenses of the year.

7. Your committee beg to submit a by-law to provide for a further loan from the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the sum of $25,000, on account of the uncollected taxes of 1883, to be deposited to the credit of the several sinking fund accounts for the year.

Report adopted.

BY-LAWS.

To borrow $25 000 from the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Passed.

Ald. Boyd moved, and Ald. Birrell seconded, that the time for payment of taxes be extended to April 1st without interest.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Moore, that one month be allowed without interest.

Ald. Hyman's amendment was lost on the casting vote of the Mayor. Yeas—Becher, Moore, O'Meara Cowan, Skinner and Hyman—6. Nays—Boyd, Birrell, Hunt, Browne, Labatt, Stringer and the Mayor—7.

The motion was then carried.

THE ASSESSMENT.

Ald. Boyd moved, and Ald. Skinner seconded, that the assessors proceed without delay with the assessment of 1884. Carried.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE TRUSTEES.

The following were nominated as Collegiate Institute Trustees; Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, Dr. C. A. Sippi, and Chas. A. Kingston. The vote resulted, Campbell, 7; Sippi, 6; and Kingston, 9. Dr. Sippi dropped out and the other two were declared elected.

The bylaw confirming the appointment was passed. Adjourned for two weeks.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 14th, 1884

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Alds. Labatt, Hunt, Cowan, Becher, Stringer, Browne, Skinner, O'Meara, Birrell, Hyman, and A. S. Abbot, Clerk.

Mr. Abbot read the following note from Mayor Meredith:

> I regret very much that I am unable to attend the last meeting of the Council in consequence of illness. I have to thank the members of the Council for the kindness and consideration extended to me as their chairman during the past year.
>
> EDMUND MEREDITH.

On motion, Ald. Boyd took the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS.

J. H. Flock—Stating that certain land belonging to Gen. Renwick on Oxford street had been wrongfully credited with arrears of taxes. No. 1.

John R Flock and others—Objecting to payment of water sprinkling rate on Dundas street, work being improperly done. No. 1.

Chief of Police—During the past quarter 421 street lamps have been reported by the police as not lighted. Filed.

Miss E C. Christie—Asking remission of taxes on behalf of W. C. T. A. on building formerly used as a Newsboys' Home. No. 1.

Mrs. McHugh—Asking recompense for damage to goods in stall and loss of custom by leakage of condensed soot. No. 3

Jabez Harwood—Asking rebate of one-third taxes on part lot No. 36, north side Queen's avenue east. No, 1.

W. T. Edge—Calling attention of Council to his claim for $31 on account of repairs to Richmond street sewer.

A. M. Gunn and others—Re the Queen's avenue sidewalk, south side.

C W. O'Dell—In reference to a sewer required on Queen's avenue, between Waterloo and Wellington streets.

A. Pratt, city clerk, Ottawa—A telegram stating that the Assessment Convention has been postponed from the 15th to the 29th inst. Filed,

Mrs. Ann Brown—Asking tax remission. No, 1.

M. J. Kent, London Loan Company—In reference to taxes paid prior to the time when an extension of time till April was granted. He claims a rebate, in order to be put on an equal footing with others who have not paid. No. 1.

M. E. Cadmore—In reference to taxes. No. 1.

W. Hockin—Asking corrections in assessment. No. 1.

David Carter—Appeal against assessment. No 1.

Stoneman & Co.—Complaining of wrongful assessment. No. 1.

A. S. Abbott, returning-officer—Voted for Free Public Library bylaw, 1,711, against 1,005; majority, 706. Filed.

W. H. & C. R. Smith—Assessment appeal. No. 1.

W. H. Bartlett—Asking tax remission, owing to flood. No. 1.

ACCOUNTS.

Deputy returning-officers' accounts—Robert Scott, $7 50; John Thorpe, $7 50; John Fleming, $8; Alex. Gunn, $24; E. Glackmeyer, $29; John Bonser, $8; O. Baynes, $12 50; Jas. Thornton, $16 25, and H. Woodward, $16 25; 28 officers, in taking vote on the Free Public Library Bylaw, $112; Wm. Williams, bill posting, $8 50; W. W. Butcher, advertising Library Bylaw, $32; Mrs. Hamilton, services in cleaning and for attendance at Colborne street school, $2. No. 1.

THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The bylaw was introduced for the third reading, but was referred to No. 1 to report.

TWENTY-EIGHTH REPORT OF NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman, recommending that the following hospital accounts be paid:

James Griffin, seeds	$ 3	10
J T Hulse, work	9	48
R D Colgrove, geraniums and plants	30	00
Mason Dudley, hooks, nails, etc.	2	90
James Perkins, meat	158	43
A Stanton, ice	41	60
S Cooper, milk	50	95
D Fraser, repairing tools	5	45